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Subject: Minutes of Kisan Samailan cum Interactive Meeting taken by Sh. Farooq Ahmad Khan, Advisor to Hon'ble LG with the Board Members and Progressive farmers on 23rd August, 2021 at Agriculture Complex Lal Mandi Srinagar.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the minutes of the Kisan Samailan cum Interactive meeting taken by Sh. Farooq Ahmad Khan, Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, who is also the Chairman of J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans. I am further to request you to kindly accord approval of the worthy Chairman J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans of these recorded minutes, so that these minutes shall be Circulated for the fallow up through concerned Departments.

Enclosures= Minutes(03)pages

Yours faithfully


Abdul Hamid Wani
(Secretary)
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Minutes of Kisan Samailan held by Sh. Farooq Ahmad Khan Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Jammu and Kashmir on 23rd August, 2021 by 11AM at Directorate of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department Lal Mandi Srinagar.

A Kisan Samailan cum Interactive Session was taken over by Sh. Farooq Ahmad Khan Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Jammu and Kashmir with the Board Members of J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans on 23rd August, 2021 by 11:30AM at Directorate of Agriculture Complex Lal Mandi Srinagar. This Kisan Samailan was organized by Directorate of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department Lal Mandi Srinagar and the following officers were also present in this Samailan:-

1. Sh. Aijaz Ahmad Bhat Director General Horticulture Department, Kashmir.
2. Sh. Vishesh Paul Mahajin Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing, J&K.
3. Sh. Choudhary M. Iqbal Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department, Kashmir.
4. Sh. Shafat Sultan MD JKHPMC
5. Sh. Abdul Hamid Wani Secretary J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans.

The aim of this Interactive session was to obtain a direct feedback from the Board Members about the schemes and policies of the Government presently in vogue for the farmers of JK- Union Territory available with the different Departments, and also to apprise the ground position of Agriculture Scenario to the Hon'ble Advisor (F). At the outset, Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department welcomed the Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. He apprised the Hon'ble Advisor about the importance of J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans and informed him that the Board is a link available to its farmers where the farmers can address their problems for further persuasion and redressal at the Government level. He also highlighted the role of the Board Members, and said that the Members have been chosen at gross root level among the farmers community representing the farmer in real sense. He then presented the scope and achievements of the Agriculture Department Kashmir.

Sh. Farooq Ahmad Khan Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Jammu and Kashmir then allowed an open discussion and asked every Board Member and progressive farmer to give his brief introduction and shear his experience about the schemes, policies and the initiatives of the Government, and also intimate the handicaps if any for its further improvement at the Government level.

Sh. Abdul Majid, a progressive Saffron grower from Pampore Pulwama expressed that the initiative of J&K Govt. for GI Certification of Kashmir Saffron, achieved first time attention in the international market and this Kashmir grown spice was sold in UAE having a good demand in whole Europe and in the Middle East countries. He informed that 128 bore wells have been dug by the farmers at saffron fields at Pampore, Pulwama for irrigation purposes, but all these bore wells are dependent on Electricity, and most the times the electricity does not remain available which is worrisome for these farmers doing saffron farming. He further informed that

with the outbreak of Foot & Mouth disease among the cows and bulls in the valley, a large population of cows and bulls died as the Department of Animal Husbandry could not make timely available vaccine at Animal Clinics so that the big loss could have been avoided.

Fallow up by CEO J&K Energy Development Agency & Director Animal Husbandry Department, Kashmir.

Advocate Masarat Kousar, Board Member highlighted the scope of diary potential in J&K, she requested for awareness of schemes under Diary sector among the farmers. She also highlighted the scope of Blub production in Floriculture sector and informed that instead of importing Tulip bulbs from Holland and Neither land, we should encourage its production locally with the involvement of scientists of SKUAST-Kashmir, and more unemployed youth needs to be rope in towards Floriculture. **Fallow up by Director Animal Husbandry Department, Kashmir & Director Floriculture Department Kashmir**

Sh. Abdul Majid Wafai Board Member, who is also President J&K Cold Storage Association, informed that GOI has introduced Agriculture Infrastructure Development scheme, and under this scheme long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support are available. He informed that under this scheme one lakh crores shall be provided by the banks and financial institutions as loans having interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs.2crores and this subvention will be available for seven years. Hence to tape this big scheme the concerned Department in J&K should frame DPRs and make wide awareness among the unemployed youth. He emphasised that high density plantation covering apple, pear plum and cherry should be covered in this Agri Infra fund. He informed that agriculture land is shrinking at an alarming rate due to conversion into urbanization/housing colonies, and hence there is a need to arrest this practice with the implementation of rules and laws in letter and in spirit. **Fallow up by Director General Horticulture Kashmir & Director Agriculture Department Kashmir.**

Sh. Eizan Javid Board Member from Shopian District has informed that due the up gradation of National Highway-44, (Srinagar to Jammu) stretch remains off and on closed for movement of trucks especially during winters, which badly affects the fruit industry of Kashmir valley. He requested for hassle free movement of fruit laden trucks so that apple can reaches to the India mandies well in time without getting rotten on way. He further informed that due to the vagaries of weather, the fruits get damaged resulting loss to our growers. Hence these fruits should be also brought under PMFBY Scheme. He further requested for giving more KCC Loans, establishment of hatchery unit and development of fisheries there with interest subvention schemes. Mr. Eizan informed that there is a big inflow of spurious pesticides and spurious fertilizers in the valley and due to the late testing of these pesticides and fertilizers the farmers produce lose its quality.

Fallow up by Director General Horticulture & Director Agriculture Department Kashmir

One of the progressive farmers present in this Kisan Samailan informed that there is a one FPO (Farmers Produce Organization) at Anantnag who are Cultivating Mushk Budji rice which is aromatic rice well famous in Kashmir for its flavour and fragrance fetching a very good price to the farmers. But for processing this rice, special rice milling machines are required, and at Anantnag only two such machines are available one each at Mir Bazar and another one at Anantnag town, and these two machines does not cater the actual need. Hence there is a need to install another few machines by the Department of Agriculture in the area or these machines should be brought under incentives schemes so that the farmers can purchase these machines themselves. **Fallow up by Director Agriculture Department Kashmir**

Mr. Abdul Khaliq Channa, Board Member representing Baramulla District informed that Patal village at Baramulla is well famous for organic vegetables, besides apples and about 15000 kanals of land are under apple cultivation in this village. But in absence of adequate

infrastructure like road connectivity and cold storage facility, the shelf life of fruit has reduced and also involves huge transportation costs and labour, resulting big loss to its growers. He requested that cold stores should be constructed on PPP mode and the concerned road construction agencies should be asked to construct roads there so that farmers of this village can get relief. **Fallow up by Director General Horticulture & Director Agriculture Department Kashmir**

Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Kakroo, Board Member Baramulla District highlighted the scope of Poultry in Kashmir. He informed that there is a big gap between supply and demand of chicks in J&K, and most of the poultry supply is still coming from our neighbouring states. The Poultry feed being the main food chain for chicks is also coming from outside JK-UT and the rates for this feed are usually very high effecting in overall cost of chicks. Since soya bean is one of the main ingredients in feed. Its cultivation in the valley should be encouraged and youth should be encouraged to start feed manufacturing plants under Feed and Fodder Development scheme. **Fallow up by Director Animal Husbandry Department, Kashmir.**

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Farooq Ahmad Khan, Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor appreciated the role of J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans. He said that FPOs are going to play a major role in doubling the farmer's income. The FPOs should involve the branding, marketing and promotion of their produce at model showrooms shortly coming up at metro cities by J&K Horticulture Planning & Marketing Department. He said more women entrepreneurs should be encouraged in Agriculture and in allied sectors. He added that marketing and packing along with certification of local produce have to be undertaken for its promotion in national and in international markets. He said that more FPOs should be formed for better land use and for better crop management where an integrating farming can be encouraged to increase the income of farmers. He advised that refrigeration vans should be introduced among farmers /FPOs and youth should be involved for establishment of more Pesticide and Fertilizer testing laboratories to defeat the inflow of spurious pesticides and fertilizers. The Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor emphasised that recommendations and suggestions from Board members and from Progressive farmers in this Samailan should be taken seriously and implemented on ground under intimation to the Government.

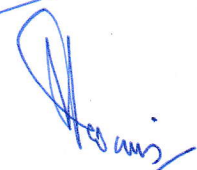
The Kisan Samailan ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Abdul Hamid ,Secretary J&K Advisory Board for Development of Kisans.

Abdul Hamid Wani
(Secretary)
J&K Advisory Board for
Development of Kisans
Dated: 01.09.2021

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2. Director General Horticulture Kashmir.
3. Director Animal Husbandry Department Kashmir.
4. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor to Lieutenant Governor J&K -UT for information to Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
5. Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department Kashmir
1. The Chief Executive Officer J&K Energy Development Agency Tawanai Ghar Bemina, Srinagar.
2. Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing J&K, Srinagar.
3. Managing Director J&K HPMC Srinagar.
4. Board Members

May please approve


Hon'ble chairman :-